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APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Toshiyuki GENDOH, et al.							
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:							
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